

OQUIRRH MOUNTAIN CHARTER SCHOOL DBA JEFFERSON ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Thursday, April 12, 2012

Place: Oquirrh Mountain Charter School Library
1425 S. Angel
Kaysville, UT 84037

In Attendance: Keith Facer, Shelley Young, Joshua Spilker, Kristi Carlson, Kris Beelek

Excused: Neal Harris

Others in Attendance: Gregory Cox (Director), Jason Finch (Assistant Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Gavin Hutchinson (AW), Kara Finley (AW), members of the public

MISSION

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MINUTES

7:10 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Keith Facer

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖ Joshua Spilker motioned to approve the March 8, 2012 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes; Kris Beelek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Dr. Cox discussed the Precision Lawn Care bid and with the reduction in cost the amount should be within the Directors discretion. The Board took no action to approve the rate sheet.

MONITORING

- ❖ Dr. Cox provided the report on the status of the school.
 - Dr. Cox updated the Board on student enrollment and registration numbers. He also reviewed the status of the Sixth Grade Junior High Integration. The integration went smoothly and any concerns have been addressed and it is moving along swiftly now.
 - Dr. Cox reviewed the Core Knowledge Trainings that have taken place and are being planned as well as the desire to have a summer school section with classes offered in June.
 - A letter from the Director of Charter Schools was shared in regards to changing the school name and the official course of action.
 - Audio enhancement systems were discussed to be able to help teachers in the classroom for increasing volume and student presentations and the desire to secure additional systems.
 - ETS is developing a thin client system, which would provide a server based learning center that can be accessed from any classroom and home computer.
 - Classroom storage bids have been requested for teacher use and the phone system was discussed.
- ❖ Joshua Spilker updated the Board on the financial status of Jefferson Academy. The salaries have increased again this month otherwise the budget is running smoothly.
- ❖ Kristi Carlston provided an update on the school Parent Teacher Organization. She discussed the "Reach for the Stars" drive that took place in March, number of volunteer hours donated, BRAVO Committees meals for SEP's, the plans for next year, the open nominations taking place, and the annual PTO Meeting planned.

- ❖ Shelley Young led the Board Governance monitoring discussion on the following policies: Ends 1.2. Citizenship, Ends 1.3. Moral Excellence, and Ends 1.4. Principals of Liberty. The Board discussed evaluating the ends and how the state monitors the effectiveness goals in the school charter. The Board discussed the measurability of the school community's perspective and the requirements of the administration.

Kris Beelek and Kim Dohrer was absent from the meeting from 8:18 PM to 8:27 PM.

Gavin Hutchinson was absent from the meeting from 8:29 PM to 8:31 PM.

Shelley Young then proceeded to review Executive Limitations 2.1. Treatment of Students, Parents and Community and the following policies were tabled to the next Board Meeting: Executive Limitations

2.2.Treatment of Staff, and Executive Limitations 2.7. Compensation and Benefits.

VOTING ITEMS

- ❖ Dr. Cox reviewed the School LAND Trust Committees proposal and their desired recommendation. The plan includes testing, technology, software, and training. Joshua Spilker motioned to approve the School LAND Trust Fund & Budget; Kris Beelek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ❖ The next Board Meeting will be on May 10, 2012 at 8:00 PM.
- ❖ The Summer Retreat is tentatively scheduled for July 28, 2012.

TRAINING

- ❖ Shelley Young led the Brian Carpenter BoardWiser Training on the second podcast on distinguishing management from governance activities. The training centered on *how will* instead of *how well* on management versus governance. Shelley Young discussed how the Board should approach management details and the need to focus on how well the school is doing. The Board discussed using the Policy Governance Monitoring at Board Meetings to ensure the school is measuring performance.

Kristi Carlston was absent from the meeting from 9:00 PM to 9:01 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments will be limited to three minutes each)

- ❖ The following individuals made a public comment:
 - Robert Beelek

BREAK

- ❖ A short break occurred from 9:04 PM to 9:15 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

- ❖ Keith Facer motioned to enter a Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; Joshua Spilker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows:

- Keith Facer – AYE
- Shelley Young – AYE
- Joshua Spilker – AYE
- Kristi Carlston – AYE
- Kris Beelek – AYE

Entered Closed Session at 9:15 PM.

ADJOURN

- ❖ Keith Facer motioned to adjourn the Closed Session and Board Meeting; Joshua Spilker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows:

- Keith Facer – AYE
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